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SIRHAN, Motasim et al.

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2006, reexamination and reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.